

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – October 18

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

Prayer Group, Room 2

Worship, Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School - Room 2

Social Concerns Class - Lower Ed

Studies of the Bible - Room 4

Gospel Choir, Sanctuary

Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

12:15 pm

3:00 pm

Tuesday – October 20

9:30 am

Staff Meeting, Office

Wednesday – October 21

9:45 am

6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study, Room 1

Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – October 22

7:00 pm

Bible in a Year, Zoom

Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday – October 23 - Office Closed

7:00 pm

AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – October 24

7:00 pm

Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary

(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

October 11, 2026

In-Person Worship - 82

Online Worship - 48

Small Groups - 42

General Fund Giving - \$6,563.52

To make a financial gift through online giving, please use the QR code.





Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a Weekly Connect Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that photography and video recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

We love children! There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship. Our Family Worship Space offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available. An adult worship-table helper is present to gently guide and encourage children in worship, and parents/caregivers are still encouraged to sit near their children. Childcare is available for infants through age 5 during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

Support Kairos and the Finegans as they serve. Kairos weekends bring hope and Christ's love to incarcerated men and women. Rossana is on her weekend now and Michael's is next month. For more information on how to support them, visit the glass table near the church doors.

Save the Date:

- 1) Hoops and Friends, a one day basketball workshop, will be held on November 7th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in our upper level. This is a free event for elementary ages and registration is appreciated. <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/d7556c>
- 2) Our next Parents' Night Out is Friday, November 13th. If interested in volunteering (youth and adults), please contact Janae Tschudi-Evatt or Hannah Barbery. Registration is now open. <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/7c9d4350>
- 3) Charge Conference is Tuesday, November 17th.
- 4) The Live Nativity and Bethlehem Village is December 13th. Sign-ups for various items and roles will be coming soon!

Altar Flowers

Enhance our worship space by honoring or remembering someone special with an altar flower arrangement for \$30. To request at least two weeks in advance, complete the online form in our weekly email or use the Altar Flower envelope on the glass table outside the sanctuary doors. Envelopes can go in the offering bag or be returned to the Church Office.

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This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:			
Oct 18th:	John 9:1-10:42	Oct 19th:	John 11:1-12:50
Oct 20th:	John 13:1-14:31	Oct 21st:	John 15:1-17:26
Oct 22nd:	John 18:1-19:42	Oct 23rd:	John 20:1-21:35
Oct 24th:	Acts 1:1-2:47	Oct 25th:	Acts 3:1-5:16
Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday at 7pm:			
Meeting ID: 884 822 1386		Passcode: rzRn4s	

GOOD SHEPHERD IN MINISTRY

Monthly Prayer for Our Church
Join us by including this in your daily prayer time and at all church gatherings.

God of grace and belonging, we give you thanks for how you connect us to you and one another. Remind us that your table is wide, your love draws us together, and every person has gifts to share. By your Spirit, deepen the bonds of this community and open us to relationships across the boundaries we create. Help us listen, care, and recognize your grace at work in every generation. Reconnect us with the gifts and purpose you have given us, and send us together to participate joyfully and generously in your transforming work. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Pastor Lisa is serving on jury duty for a final week. She will have limited access to her email and phone during the day. In case of emergencies, please contact Pastor MiRhang or the church office.

Laity Sunday is this morning! We give thanks to the members of our Worship Design Team who planned and are leading this today. We especially give thanks for the special call of the laity - everyday people whose faith shows up in real life—through prayer, service, leadership, and simply being there for one another. As United Methodists, we’re part of a laity-driven, connected church, supporting one another so no congregation or pastor carries ministry alone.

Join us for Connected! Next week we begin a new journey together called Connected, a stewardship campaign inviting us to grow further as disciples of Jesus Christ. Throughout this four-week series, we will reflect on four simple but life-changing truths: **Life is a gift. Everyone matters and belongs. We are created on purpose. We are blessed to become a blessing.** Together, these themes remind us that stewardship is about much more than financial support. Stewardship is about recognizing God's generosity, strengthening relationships, discovering purpose, and participating more fully in God's mission. Join us for the journey on October 25th.

Next Sunday, October 25th the Young Adults (18 - 35ish years) will gather for lunch. Join our Young Adults for a time of food, fellowship, and making plans for upcoming activities.

Votive Candle Stand: Our votive candle stand invites contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service.
Worship Resources Used: UMC Book of Discipline, Discipleship Ministries; Breakthrough Worship, Eastern PA Conference, VAUMC.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Laity Sunday - Be Grounded in Love

(*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.
Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.

*Gathering Song *We Are The Church* UMH 558

Words of Welcome Sarah Broomfield

*Gathering Words Koby Amankwah
We gather today not by our own title or status, but by the grace of God who calls us by name.
Whether we stand behind the pulpit, sit in a pew, or serve out in the neighborhood – we are one body in Christ.
God calls us to be rooted and grounded in love, anchoring our lives in the good news we share.
Praise be to God, who equips everyday people for extraordinary love.
Let us worship the God who works through hands, our voices, and our shared witness.
Open our hearts, O Lord, and let our lives declare your praise! Amen.

*Hymn *They Will Know We Are Christians* FWS 2223

Good Shepherd in Ministry Janae Tschudi-Evatt

Praising God with Our Gifts

Offertory Music *I’ve Got The Joy Down in My Heart* Children’s Choir

*Doxology UMH 94

Children’s Time Melinda Deveney

Prayer for Understanding Queensca Adobea Addo
Servant God, meet us as we gather today. Thank you for the unique gifts you have planted within each member of this congregation. As we celebrate the shared ministry of all believers, keep us deeply rooted in Your grace. May the words we speak, the songs we sing, and the service we offer today bear witness to Your transformative love in our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods. Guide us to be Your hands and feet. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Scripture	1 Thessalonians 1:4-7	N.T. 191	Ruth Herndon
	Ephesians 3:15-21	N.T. 182	

Message	Grounded in Love Through Faith Ann Santola, Louize Bingi, Will DeBord	Janae Tschudi-Evatt
Special Music		Bob Hendrickson
Prayers of the People		Syl Davies
Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance		Rossie Alston
Gracious God, You have called us to be a community grounded in love, yet we confess that we often let the anxieties of the world pull up our roots. Forgive us when we choose apathy over action, or when we limit your ministry only to what happens inside these church walls. You invite us to share our burdens and use our diverse gifts, but we frequently isolate ourselves or think our small acts of service do not matter. Recarve the depths of our hearts, Lord. Forgive our hesitation, water our spirits with Your grace, and bind us together in love so we can serve You boldly. Hear the good news: Christ dwells in our hearts through faith. By grace, we are forgiven, restored, and equipped for every good work. Step forward into the world knowing you are deeply loved and fully capable of sharing God’s righteousness. Thanks be to God, Amen.		
*Litany for Lay Ministry		Lerita Milbert
Through our baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into a holy covenant and makes us ministers of righteousness. All Christian ministry is Christ’s work of outreaching love. For lay leaders, teachers, trustees, and all stewards who give their time to build up the church: God, strengthen our hands for service. For caretakers, advocates, workers, and neighbors who live out their faith beyond these walls: God, anchor our hearts in love. Help us demonstrate a common life of gratitude, devotion, witness, and Christ-like living. May we participate fully in Christ’s ministry of grace, delivering healing and freedom through our deeds and words. Amen.		
*Affirmation of Faith	Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881
*Hymn	<i>Where He Leads Me I Will Follow</i>	UMH 338
*Benediction		Pat Pearsall
Postlude	<i>We Render Lord, This Day</i> (Young)	

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update, or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.

Remember in Prayer (as of October 11, 2026)

Don Abrell - recovery from stroke
Dollie Patton - Herndon family during time of loss and adjustment
Faith Glidwell - starting the process to foster children
Jimmy Reed- brother Robert, undergoing heart procedure
JoAnne and John Neal - JoAnne, undergoing chemo; John, health problem; Sandy Lorter, cancer
Kanouff’s - Katherin Busch, Micael Kanouff, William Busch, Natalia Busch, Egor Chichin, Vitalik Chichin, Olga Litouchenko, Tamera Kanouff
Kathy McNeil - Myra Keiffer, at home convalescing
Lisa Barbery - her grandmother, Dorothy
Mark Cohen - Heart surgery Oct 12th
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health
Pam Buchenauer- Lori, hospitalized; Ron, recovery from surgery
Uni Samura - rehab at home, continued paralysis
Will DeBord - recovering from hospitalization and anticipating surgery soon
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke
Vandergrift Family - Ulysses, cancer
Our country and our nation’s leaders
For all places experiencing natural disasters, storm recovery, and wildfires
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

*A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning in Room 2 at 9:15 am.
All are welcome!*